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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on January 8, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant did not address the issue relating to the copendency between this application and 09/676,194. In addition, the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 5, 2007 lacked a statement complying with 37 CFR 1.97(e). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda Dvorak can be reached on 571-272-4764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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